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Appl No. : 10/769,488  
Applicant : Shougo Imada, et al.  
Filed : January 30, 2004  
Title : MICROCOMPUTER LOGIC DEVELOPMENT

TC/A.U. : 2123  
Examiner : Dwain M. Craig

Docket No. : 51879/DBP/A400  
Customer No. : 23363

**DECLARATION OF ALEX MARTINEZ**

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I, Alex Martinez, hereby declare and state as follows:

Exhibit A is a copy of the first page of the transmittal letter for the subject application, forwarding the subject application for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Exhibit B hereto is a copy of the return postcard that was received back from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office bearing a mailing date of January 30, 2004.

Exhibit C hereto is a copy of an Express Mail Customer Copy bearing a date-in date of January 29, 2004. The Express Mail Customer Copy shows Express Mail No. EV 351235493 US, which is the same number as that on the transmittal letter of Exhibit A and on the return postcard of Exhibit B.

Exhibit D hereto is a copy of the check which was mailed to the USPTO with the subject application in payment of the filing fee for the subject application, which bears a date of January 30, 2004.

Exhibit E hereto is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement cover sheet that was mailed to the USPTO with the subject application, bearing a date of January 30, 2004.

**Appln No. 10/769,488**


Exhibit F hereto is a copy of the Fee Transmittal Utility Patent Application Form that was mailed to the USPTO with the subject application, which bears a January 30, 2004 date.

I am U.S. Patent Filing Assistant to D. Bruce Prout, the attorney handling the subject application. I personally prepared each of the above documents, except for that portion of the Express Mail Customer Copy form entitled Origin (Postal Use Only). The date in the Express Mail form bears a date of 1-29-04, which is a date prior to the date that I prepared each of the above documents. I personally delivered the application in a package properly addressed, postage prepaid, in an Express Mail envelope to the U.S. Postal clerk for Express Mail, and received back the Express Mail Customer Receipt of Exhibit C on January 30, 2004. However, I did not notice at the time that the clerk erroneously put 1/29/04 on the customer receipt rather than the correct date of 1/30/04.

It is clear that the postal clerk made an error and dated the Express Mail Customer Receipt form with a date that was prior to the actual deposit of the application with the Express Mail Customer Receipt form with the U.S. Postal Service, and therefore the correct filing date of the subject application should be January 30, 2004, not January 29, 2004.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: February 27, 2007

  
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Enclosures: Exhibits A-F

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
**(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))**

Docket No. : 51879/DBP/A400  
Inventor(s) : Shougo Imada; Toshihiro Kashihara; and Takashi Higuchi  
Title : MICROCOMPUTER LOGIC DEVELOPMENT  
Express Mail Label No. : EV351235493US

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1. ☒ **FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM** (*Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing*).

2. **IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ This application is a \_\_\_\_\_ of patent application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
Prior application information: Examiner ; Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR §1.78(a)(4).

3. **APPLICATION COMPRISED OF**

**Specification**

54 Specification, claims and Abstract (total pages)

**Drawings**

25 Sheets of formal drawing(s) (FIGS. 1 to 18B)

**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

☒ Newly executed  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unexecuted declaration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))(for continuation and divisional)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **Microfiche Computer Program** (*Appendix*)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission** (*if applicable, all necessary*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Computer Readable Copy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Statement verifying identity of above copies

6. **APPLICANT(S) STATUS UNDER 37 CFR §1.27**

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant(s) and any others associated with it/them under §1.27(a) are a SMALL ENTITY

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APPLICATION

Title: MICROCOMPUTER LOGIC DEVELOPMENT

19270 U.S. PTO  
10/769488

Priority Claimed? X YES

Assignment Enclosed (List Assignee)



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Transmittal Letter(s)

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Application (No. of Pages)

54

Declaration & Pwr of Atty

Yes

Informal/Formal Drawings

25 Sheets

3 Specimens/Photos/Facsimiles

N/A

Small Entity Declaration

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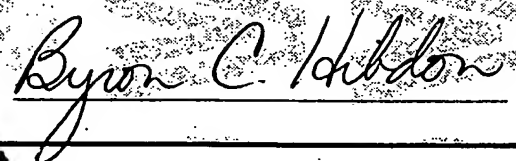
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
37 CFR § 1.97(b)

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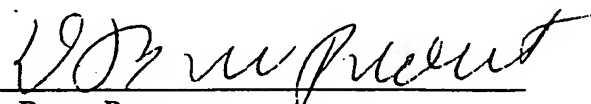
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Commissioner:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO/SB/08A/B listing the references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references will be provided upon receipt of the same. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of FORM PTO/SB/08A/B be entered in the application file and returned to applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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Enclosures: Form PTO/SB/08A/B

**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

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Title : MICROCOMPUTER LOGIC DEVELOPMENT Duplicate X

**FEE DETERMINATION**

CLAIMS AS FILED					
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE	LARGE ENTITY RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	24 - 20	= 4	x \$9.00	4 x \$18.00	72
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 - 3	= 1	0 x \$43.00	1 x \$86.00	86
MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE			\$145.00	\$290.00	
BASIC FEE			\$385.00	\$770.00	770
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$928
List Independent Claims: 1, 2, 22, and 23					

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the **entire pendency** of the application to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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